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1. SINCE THE RESPONSE TO LAND HESSEN'S INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT WITH TEXAS HAS BEEN A PROFOUND SILENCE MINISTER-PRESIDENT OSSWALD HAS NOW DECIDED TO ACCEPT AN OFFER BY WISCONSIN GOVERNOR LUCEY INDIRECTLY CONVEYED IN LATE JANUARY OF THIS YEAR TO EXPLORE TIES BETWEEN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND LAND HESSEN.

2. THE MINISTER-PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN GOVERNOR LUCEY ON MARCH 26 ESSENTIALLY MAKING THREE POINTS:

A) HE WOULD WELCOME ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLOSER CONNECTION BETWEEN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND LAND HESSEN AND BELIEVES THE BICENENNIAL YEAR WOULD BE PARTICULARLY SUITABLE TO GIVE THIS PROJECT EFFECT.

B) HE INVITES GOVERNOR LUCEY TO VISIT HESSEN AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME BUT SUGGESTS HESSENTAG TO BE CELEBRATED ON JUNE 10, 1976, AND WHICH WILL INCLUDE AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AS A SUITABLE DATE.

C) HE IS INFORMING GOVERNOR LUCEY THAT OSSWALD

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HIMSELF WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER

AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE STEUBEN PARADE IN
NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 18 IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT
OF THE BUNDESRAT AND AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT
SCHEEL. OSSWALD SUGGESTS HE MIGHT VISIT
WISCONSIN AT THAT TIME.

3. AT MINISTER-PRESIDENT OSSWALD'S REQUEST THE
CONSUL GENERAL IS FORWARDING AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION
OF THE LETTER TO GOVERNOR LUCEY. OSSWALD ALSO
PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON WHILE HE IS IN THE
UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER AND WE WILL SUBMIT
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT PART OF HIS PROGRAM
AT A LATER DATE. LEHMANN

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